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**Amendment to the specifications
(page 7 of the application, 2nd paragraph)**

The composite stud is composed of three pieces of varying sized 10a and 10c lumber which are fastened to one another with the inner piece 10b – shorter than either 10a or 10c. As seen in figure 2, the length of 10b is determined by design factors and placement within the structure. If the composite 10 is used to provide for the first floor of the structure with the lower portion of 10a or 10c would reach plate 13 which is attached to the foundation 12. The upper portion of the composite stud 10 will occupy a sufficient portion of the ((upper)) second floor joist ((12)) 15 as to provide for fastening.